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Wal-Mart: The Great
Community Debate

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STUFF begins promising advertising campaign

by Danielle Adams

As you are flipping through the next edition of STUFF, you may notice a new addition to the usual format. This would be the added section of advertisements.

STUFF has never had advertisements before, and day student Billy Dawn Schurtter, who is the Advertising Manager, feels that, "We're not a real newspaper unless the paper has ads. In the real world of journalism, the paper revolves around the customer."

Schurtter is in charge

of recruiting students to get involved in selling the advertisements.

The students who are currently involved are Becky Johnson, Jennifer Palmer, Ashley Pierce, and Chris Zumstein. They have learned different techniques on how to approach the customer and sell the advertisements in an effective way. Schurtter reported that the students have been very successful in their selling techniques and are quite professional sales people.

Local businesses have responded positively to

STUFF's advertising section.

Many local businesses have proposed including coupons in their ads for the students of Saint Joseph's College to receive discounts on items in their businesses. Non-area businesses are also invited to advertise in STUFF.

The overall response of the new Advertising Department seems to be quite positive. Any student interested in being a sales person should e-mail Schurtter or attend the ad meetings held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 pm in the STUFF office.

Five SJC students arrested in connection with credit card fraud

by Jacquelyn M. Leonard

Five Saint Joseph's College students were recently arrested in connection with the theft and fraudulent use of two credit cards stolen from the Hanson Recreation Center.

Terrance Shephard and Leonard Holmes are charged with two counts each of forgery, two counts of fraud and two counts of theft.

Eddie Vann Jr. and Harry Perry and Reginald G. Edwards are each charged with receiving stolen property.

All five students have been released on bail and are back on campus.

According to Ernest Watson, director of Safety and Security and also the head of an internal investigation regarding this case, the two

credit cards were taken from coats hung on a coat rack in the Rec Center in late January.

Both cards belonged to "members of the College community," said Watson.

The stolen credit cards were used at the Rensselaer Wal-Mart to make several purchases totaling over \$1,400. There were 27 items purchased on the two stolen cards.

The purchases included a Sanyo TV, an Emerson VCR, two Uniden cordless telephones, a Bell cordless telephone, a Super Nintendo Entertainment System, a Sony CD player and several jewelry and clothing items.

Almost 90 percent of the stolen merchandise was recovered in SJC residence halls.

The College is conducting its own investigation

regarding this case.

Watson is unsure as to what the campus repercussions will be.

He stated that there may be possible disciplinary actions undertaken by College authorities.

Watson said that while the illegal activity took place off campus, the College was still affected.

Jasper County Police were notified by the first victim on Jan. 30 when that person noticed that the credit card was missing.

During a local investigation, an unusually high number of charges at Wal-Mart were also discovered on a second credit card.

The second victim did not know that the card had been stolen until police questioned the victim.

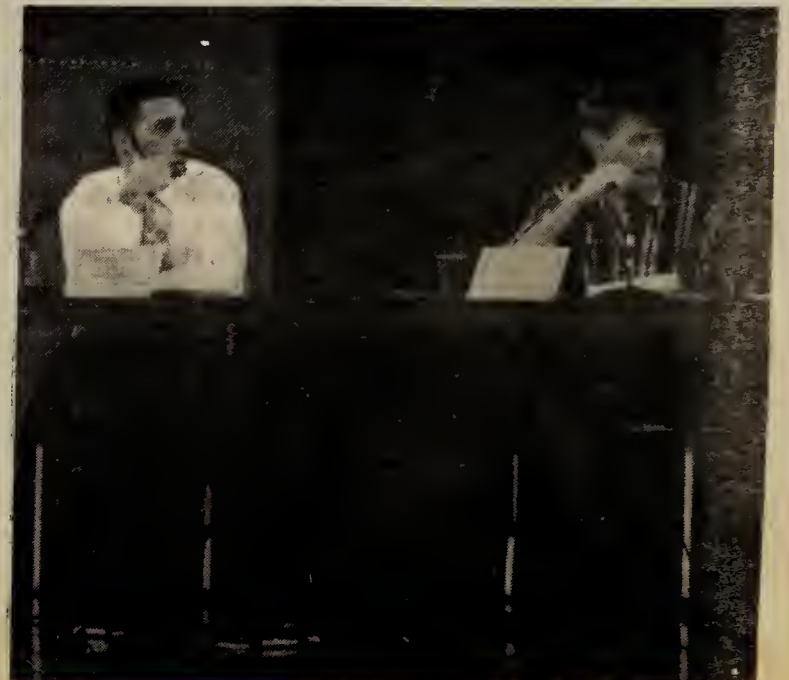


Photo by Rachel Hempel

SA Vice-President Bill Pearson and President Eric McKeown discuss dorm meetings with the Senate.

Zanowski named to new position

by Ashley Pierce

Saint Joseph's College recently named Chris Zanowski as Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs.

Zanowski, who holds a Master's degree in higher education from Purdue University and a Bachelor's degree in Marketing and Management from the University of Wisconsin, has been Saint Joseph's Director of Campus Life since 1982. According to Zanowski, the change was a major step in his career. "It was a next step in my career advancement and will provide me with more challenges," he stated.

Because of his outstanding qualifications and community service experience, Zanowski was selected for the position of Associate Vice President of Student Affairs from an initial pool of 36 applicants. Bill

Maniscalco, Vice President for Student Affairs, commented, "I am proud to have such a distinguished gentleman on staff who has served not only Saint Joseph's, but the entire region."

Zanowski is active in several health education and community service programs. At Saint Joseph's, he has helped coordinate programs such as Into The Streets, Habitat for Humanity, HIV/AIDS Peer Education and Student Volunteer Corp.

Maniscalco noted, "Many years before it was fashionable for college educators to speak of service learning, Chris was actively developing opportunities for students and staff at Saint Joseph's College to become involved in community service projects such as heading the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity."

Commencement confusion:

Seniors rely on grapevine gossip

Graduation. It seemed an eternity away during freshman orientation weekend four years ago, but now it is a reality to occur in just a few short weeks.

While I anxiously await my opportunity to walk across the stage to receive my diploma, I also am not sure what to expect come May 7.

You see, I feel extremely uninformed regarding senior activities, including graduation. I consider myself one of the most well-informed students on campus; the title "editor-in-chief" demands one possess a certain degree of knowledge about campus activities and events.

But this graduation thing... I just don't know.

I feel like I will just show up on commencement Sunday and

things will happen--maybe.

In discussing this issue with some of my fellow Seniors, I have discovered an interesting trend. Every statement a Senior makes regarding a senior activity or event, including graduation, begins with the statement, "I heard..." or "Did you hear...?"

It just does not seem right. Why should all news be through the grapevine? Does no one know the truth?

I understand that our "elected" officials are handling the events and they may even be doing a good job planning them; however, because the only information I hear is third or fourth person, I cannot be sure. I don't know what is happening with my graduation.

I don't feel every senior should have had a hand in planning

and choosing the events. And I didn't want to have more of a role. I simply want to know what's going on.

From what I understand, there have been meetings of a certain "Graduation Committee." Did anything come from these meetings?

It is, after all, the end of February; do we have a graduation speaker? I've heard several rumors of possible speakers and I've heard we've been turned down by many.

Are the robes really blue? And have they always been blue?

Why is there a senior party in Core XI during the same week as the Senior Champagne Breakfast?

These are just a few of my many questions regarding my status as a Senior.

My college graduation is

extremely important to me. Undergraduate commencement is only going to happen once and most of us have worked very hard to come this far.

I only want to know what's going on. After all, there is a Senior group name on e-mail--I think we all know that from the volumes of career announcements that appear almost daily from Chris Keith's office.

Really, would it take that much time for the Seniors to hear from the officers? Would it be too much to ask for the occasional update regarding graduation progress?

Until then, I guess I'll just rely on the grapevine, assume there will be a graduation ceremony and just show up on May 7.

--jml

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

How many of you other Saint Joe's students have been having a great debate in class when a fellow classmate makes a personal attack on yourself or on the party you are debating? I've seen it happen many times here throughout my four years. It is as prevalent in the freshman year as in the senior year.

Students (and some teachers) at this school do not know the correct way to argue a position in class. Many will fail to argue the facts and points and instead turn to the personal side. For the most part, the profs

let it slide and do not correct them on argumentation styles.

Well, now that the problem is presented, how about a solution? I can see two solutions, both based on the same principle, though.

Solution #1: Mandatory Communication Class consisting of such things as debate, speaking in front of class, interpretation, etc.

Solution #2: Integrate the debate into Core One. I see that the second solution may be more viable.

The whole idea is to gain new viewpoints and perspectives in class, not to put up with personal attacks.

--Pat Diller

Editorial Policy

The effectiveness of STUFF rests upon its ability to portray accurate and balanced insights into the issues and activities that form the lives of the students at Saint Joseph's College.

STUFF has attained a high reputation and character which the staff intends to preserve because Truth is our ultimate objective.

To accomplish this objective, STUFF will contain editorials and opinions that directly reflect life at Saint Joseph's College.

This paper is not the voice of a select few. All views and opinions will be sought and are welcome. However, STUFF is the newspaper

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Letters to the editor are encouraged. Because of space restrictions, the editors reserve the right to edit any and all letters. The staff hopes that the entire Saint Joseph's College community will utilize the opportunity to express its views or feelings in this campus newspaper.

The quality, reputation and character of this newspaper will rest on the ability of the staff to adhere to these standards.

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Chattin begins to organize Africa trip for students

by Peggy McLeish

A group of students from Saint Joseph's College are planning a trip to Western Africa for the beginning of the summer. Susan Chattin is coordinating the trip and it is open to any student who would like to go.

The destination is undecided upon as of now, but the two choices are the countries of Senegal or the Ivory Coast. The decision will be made soon based upon price comparisons and interest of the students going. The dates will be approximately the last ten to fourteen days of June, at the end of spring session.

There are six students currently planning on going. Chattin said that ideally there will be nine or ten students for the trip.

The idea for the trip came from Core Seven and

Core Eight students who were interested in seeing first hand what they were studying about Africa. There will not be a particular discipline focused upon during the trip. A broad range of appeals is being planned for. Likely, visits will be to local universities, Christian missionaries, rural areas and the state capitol.

The group will stay in tourist class hotels, since the primary concern will be a healthy environment. Local culture will also be experienced. The cost of the trip is not definite as of now, but is expected to be around \$1500. This will include airfare, lodging and hopefully one meal a day at the hotel.

There is still room for interested students. For more information, contact Susan Chattin at campus extension 6392.

Christmas formal raises controversy

by Donna Heitz

Throughout November and December, many people voiced complaints concerning the ten dollar hike in ticket prices for the Justin-Halas Christmas Semi-formal.

As far as some students were concerned, the twenty-five dollar ticket was equivalent to a high school dance. However, some students felt that the increased cost was unfair to students.

Sophomore John Osborne said, "I felt that for what we got out of it, we had to pay way too much money. They should realize that we are just college students, and we don't have money to spend on stuff like that."

A considerable number

of students were under the impression that all of the extra money would go toward decorations, food, drinks, and sets of wine glasses which were given to the first fifty couples who bought dance tickets. According to Halas senator Lisa Curley, the wine glasses cost approximately \$950.

Halas governor Sondra Greensaid, "The main reason for the increase in ticket prices was that the cost of everything went up."

Justin governor Tori Crockett felt that the biggest concern was that, "If the dorms were going to spend a lot of money, we want to get that money back."

Curley stated, "In previous

years, we have either lost money or just barely broken even," from the dance.

The organizers felt that raising the ticket cost seemed to be the most reasonable and responsible thing to do. The increased cost assured that no one else was left to foot the rest of the bill.

The dance ended up making money for the women's dorms rather than putting them in debt. Halas Hall alone made \$1200 from the dance. Now, two months later, the women's dorms will have to decide what to spend the excess money on. Some students have suggested that a percentage of the profits be donated to local organizations.



Photo by Rachel Hempel

Chris Keith offers career counseling for interested students.

Student Senate Brief

by Jeffrey Kirch

At the last Student Senate meeting, President Eric McKeown reaffirmed his campaign promise to hold an all-campus forum. The details are not finalized yet, but McKeown believes that the forum will take place soon.

McKeown also mentioned that the former Byers Administration contacted the Senate about donating two podiums, which would cost \$10,000, to the new Banet Core Facility.

SA Vice-President Bill Pearson reported that his campaign promise of investigating the visitation rules is moving along fine.

Mike Tackett, a representative of the Academic Cabinet, reported that the Academic Cabinet decided to offer an Athletic Training minor, pass the academic calendar and approve a revision

of the course numbers. The new system would differentiate between upper level and lower level courses.

In new business, the Student Senate passed an amended form of McKeown's proposal concerning mandatory dorm meetings.

An amendment to the proposal removed a penalty clause; the approved proposal only requires the dorm government to hold a meeting.

McKeown also announced that he would recommend that the Student Life Committee approve the swipe card security system.

The meeting ended in a discussion of outside police agencies on Saint Joseph's Campus. Two active investigations are being held on campus by two separate authorities. The Indiana State Police and the local police are investigating two alleged rapes.

Placement office offers unique opportunities

by Becky Johnson

The objective of the Career Planning and Placement office is to find employment for current and former students.

Chris Keith, head of Career Planning and Placement, is always willing to help students find their calling. Many employers are now filling their vacancies by sending colleges information about their openings.

Jobs for current graduates can be found all over the

country based upon their desired position.

The office updates a bulletin board near the cafeteria with listings of job occupations. A listing is put out every two or three weeks for the SJC community.

Keith stated, "Career fairs are held in the spring in Chicago, Indianapolis and Fort Wayne, if anyone is interested in attending."

"A major thing for students to do is to derive as much experience as possible

for the job world," stated Keith.

Professors, such as Maureen Montgomery, have gone as far to bring stacks of internships for student evaluation. Not all students find an internship of their choosing, but it does help to look.

Grants are also awarded to the department. One award is from Ameri-Tech, which consists of \$10,000. Only five colleges in the state of Indiana receive this grant.

Sacco's World

by J.W. Sacco

Where can one go for Spring Break? Oh sure, you could follow the herd like lemmings down to Florida or somewhere like that. But what fun is there? Underage drinking, casual sex? Come on... you can do all that on campus. You want to do something new... something exciting... something out of the ordinary. Here are some of my ideas on a cheap way to have fun over spring break.

Fun Cheap Spring Break #1: Go home!! Mooch off your parents. I enjoy this one...for one thing I'm the pride of my family (sad family, huh?) so when I go home I am pampered to the utmost extent. Plus, I love sitting in the back yard (well not really a yard) and looking at the beautiful Chicago skyline as bullets ring out nearby.....FUN!!!!

Fun Cheap Spring Break #2: Go to a nearby major city and hit the rave scene.

Those of you who are not familiar with a rave party let me explain it to you. A rave party is an illegal dance party that is usually held in an abandoned warehouse. Basically, it is a hundred really sweaty people so tanked up with LSD and XTC that they have no idea what the hell is going on. You just move and bounce around to the pulse pounding techno music. At most rave (okay....at all raves) LSD and XTC are readily available, but I have had most of my fun staying coherent and watching all the stupid crap that everyone else does while tripping.

I know Chicago and Detroit have big rave scenes, if anyone from Indianapolis knows of any raves there please let this campus know. Once again.....FUN!!

Fun Cheap Spring Break #3: Stay in Rensselaer. I bet you did not know that our very own Collegeville, Indiana is one of the biggest spring break spots. Lake Banet is packed with kids looking for a good time. Yes there is underage drinking and casual sex.... with livestock.....FUN!!!

Fun Cheap Spring Break #4: Go to Nevada. Why? Prostitution is still legal. FUUUUUUNNNNN!!!

Why spend all that money on a plane ticket or on gas to go to Florida like everybody else? Go to one of the four destinations listed above and you will save yourself a bundle and may have the time of your life. Have a good break and see you kids next month!

Spring Break not coming soon enough for SJC students

by Cindy Aubuchon

Just when you think there is no end to all the Core readings and various research papers that have been expected of you since the beginning of January, Spring Break arrives and saves the day! With the mass exodus of Northerners from the cold college campus to the warm sunny beaches of the South only one week away, here is a look into what some of our fellow students have planned for their glorious vacations, which includes getting out of Indiana and staying away from home.

This year, members of Habitat for Humanity are headed for Tulsa, Oklahoma. While the location is warmer than Rensselaer, these students are not hoping for any rest and relaxation. Instead, these caring souls are going to tear down some old, rusty shacks to make room for some new housing in the area.

Sophomore Elizabeth Lieb decided to join the group for a second year in a row. "I knew I wanted to go somewhere instead of home, and the work we will be doing in Okla-

homa is for a good cause. I hope to have a good time and make some new friends as well. I've never been to Oklahoma, so this trip should be interesting and fun."

Senior David Lieb, Elizabeth's brother, has very different plans for Spring Break. He and a few friends are heading south to the beautiful beaches of sunny Florida. They intend to rent a car and enjoy a road trip to Orlando and Key West, possibly stopping to visit Cinderella's Castle and Space Mountain in DisneyWorld. "The key is to get warm," Lieb commented.

Senior Clayton Temple plans to pack some camping gear and head south to Louisiana. "We might hit New Orleans, but our main goal is to have a good time."

Senior English major Audra Bailey also has plans for heading south over Spring Break. She and senior Jessica Henry are leaving for Bonita Springs, Florida, where they will be staying in Henry's brother's condominium. "It's nice because our only expense will be the ticket to get

there and back," Bailey stated. They also intend to have some fun in the sun before coming back to the cold weather of Indiana.

Mandy Derflinger, Kim Chapman, Susan Banner and Mary Cooley are leaving the "wonderfully" cold weather in Rensselaer for Atlanta, Georgia and Orlando, Florida. They intend to stay with some of Banner's relatives in Atlanta, and other relatives for the rest of their trip because, "It's cheaper!" They have hopes of seeing the ocean and sunbathing on the beach. When asked if they intended to visit DisneyWorld, the group answered, "No-It's just too expensive!" They hope to have fun collecting seashells—anything to get away from the stress of school!

Unfortunately, not everyone will be leaving Indiana this Spring Break, which begins next Friday, March 3 and lasts until students return to class Monday morning, March 13. Even if you intend to stay in the cooler weather, relax, enjoy the time away from school, and have a safe vacation!

Saint Joseph's mock trial team moves on to nationals

by Matt Owens

This last past weekend, SJC sent its mock trial team to Bellarmine College in Louisville, KY, to the district mock trial competition. The team did not feel they would fare that well in the competition, which has historically not been a good one for past SJC teams.

"We thought we had a chance," said Matt Jenks, a witness for the team, "But we didn't think it was a very good one since we were competing with big schools like U. of Cincinnati and U. of Dayton that have actual law schools."

But the team did much better than expected, in fact, they did better than they ever had before. After the four rounds of competition, SJC placed eighth out of twenty-eight teams.

This accomplishment allowed the team to skip regionals and move directly on to the national competition held on March 31 at Drake U. in Des Moines, IA, where they will compete against 72 other teams for na-

tional honors.

This is the first time any SJC mock trial team has ever moved on to even the next level of competition, let alone nationals.

The team, advised by Professor Monfort, is made up of students Brian Guerre (team captain), Mark Sansone, Mike Tackett, Sherrie Jankowski, Kathleen Brass, Matthew Jenks, Brigid Boos, April Armstrong, Tiffany Brooks and Sherry Forsythe.

"Everyone thought St. Joe's was a joke because we were kind of goofy...but veni, vidi, vici!"

Not only did the team do well, but a couple of the members also garnered individual honors as well. Both Armstrong and Boos won Best Witness Awards. These were given out to the top six point scorers of the 120 witnesses.

SJC competed against Miami U. of Ohio, Wright State U., and U.

of Eastern Kentucky twice. They lost their first round against Eastern Kentucky, but won overall in their next three rounds.

Each round consists of an actual trial with one presiding judge and either one or two other judges who score the teams effectiveness in presenting their case. It is possible to lose the case and still win the round.

"Everyone thought St. Joe's was a joke because we were kind of goofy," declared Armstrong, "but veni, vidi, vici!"

Captain Guerre explained how demanding the courtroom work was. "After two hours for each of the trials, I would be exhausted and then realize that real lawyers did this type of thing eight hours a day. Not only did we have to do the courtroom work, but we also need to do the detective work, research, and map strategies outside of the courtroom."

"It was a very beneficial experience," stated Sansone, one of the defense lawyers, "and a good early introduction to law."

How does Wal-Mart stand before our community?

by Audra Bailey

It always seems to happen all at once- you're out of soap, Oreos, CDs, flowering plants and underwear! And you know that the Book-store probably doesn't have what you want or if it does, you'll need to take out another loan to pay for it! So now what? Just take a nice scenic walk across campus and visit the friendly Wal-Mart! Its convenient location, low prices, and enormous selection of "stuff" can make any college student a satisfied customer and a lifetime admirer of the late Sam Walton.

In desperation, Mike Pruzin went on a late night shopping spree at the local store. "I couldn't avoid it any longer- I had to get the bare necessities! Wal-Mart has all I need at reasonable prices in one store. Where else can I pick up a gallon of milk and a few pairs of underwear?" Pruzin said.

Steve Errington, a frequent shopper, said, "Wal-Mart has everything that I could possibly want..full of American-made, quality products." Recently, Errington had a positive experience in his quest for microwave brownies. He exclaimed, "I looked everywhere for those brownies and FINALLY found them at Wal-Mart!"

Wal-Mart has EVERYTHING. Okay, it doesn't have a few things, but then it is a free market, isn't it? They can sell what they want-they're Wal-Mart! Those carrying on in the name of Sam Walton provide

the community with more quality services and products than before its coming.

"It's great! Wal-Mart is the one-stop-shop" said Heather Groom. "It seems that I'm always finding something that I need whether it's my intention or not!" She goes on, "My life is much more simplified now that I can spend only two hours in one store rather than an entire day shopping at a bunch of different places!"

Wal-Mart is one friendly environment. Look at how many friendly people work there! You can't even walk through the door without a "hello" and a smile! And it seems that almost everybody knows somebody that is employed at Wal-Mart. Sam Walton has brought many job opportunities to this small rural town.

Today, Wal-Mart is a part of the SJC experience. Some students may make it part of their weekend plans. Some would even venture to say that Wal-Mart is probably part of the Admissions' recruiting routine..."And yes, we have a Wal-Mart!"

With almost every visit, you're sure to see a fellow Puma at Wal-Mart on an endless shopping spree. And why not! Because Wal-Mart has (almost) EVERYTHING- a convenient location, quality American-made products, friendly service, and reasonably low prices! What more could this college community ask for?

by Klaudia Janek

Think back to Rensselaer about a year and half ago and to the fact that there wasn't a Wal-Mart across the street. How did Saint Joseph's students manage to get all their shopping done? Well, before this corporate monster invaded Rensselaer, students and the local community shopped at the small, independently owned stores in town.

Just take one look around you and you can see the impact that Wal-Mart has had on this community. Pamida and several other stores in town, especially the downtown area, have been forced out of business leaving empty store space.

Wal-Mart generates about \$67 billion in annual sales and has more than 2,000 stores. There is a Wal-Mart grand-opening somewhere in our nation almost every other day and they are now moving into Canada. Wal-Mart claims that it benefits the communities that it invades, but since when is job loss and vacant retail space in communities beneficial? (One can say that Wal-Mart has provided jobs, but since when is minimum wage enough to live on?)

Now that we have no other place to shop, we HAVE to shop at Wal-Mart. We have the choice of driving to Lafayette or Merrillville, but who wants to drive that far for shampoo and conditioner?

Wal-Mart has created a monopoly in Rensselaer; they don't have to worry about satisfying the customer anymore. Because where else are the customers going to go?

They have wiped out their competitors leaving us with no other place to

shop but Wal-Mart. A famous tactic Wal-Mart uses in driving out the competition is by undercutting prices. Which means that Wal-Mart will take a loss, for the time being. A case in Arkansas that made national headlines was that several independent pharmacies sued Wal-Mart for predatory pricing and won.

Sophomore Brian Zimmer is from a small town named Trinidad, in Colorado, which is about the same size as Rensselaer. "I see a lot of similarities between Rensselaer and Trinidad. Wal-Mart decided to locate a couple miles from the downtown area, leaving the local business to stand on their own." Over Christmas, Zimmer went back home to Trinidad only to see a lot of small stores put out of business.

"The center of town is now 2 miles north of town-which is where the Wal-Mart is located...I see the same thing happening to Rensselaer, said Zimmer, "it's fine for SJC students because it's right across the street, but Rensselaer is losing a nice downtown."

Senior Mary Quasney feels that "the small town atmosphere is gone [from Rensselaer]. Quasney likes going to different stores for different things, but now the only choice is the tacky red and blue striped Wal-Mart.

Zimmer stated, "I think we need to be aware of what Wal-Mart is doing to our small towns and I hate to see Rensselaer become another statistic like Trinidad [though it may be too late]."

Of course, we students can't pick and choose where we shop since we ARE a tad bit limited. But, is it fair for big businesses to invade small towns and not cooperate with the community?

Local event calendar

By Jenny Palecek

THEATRE!

Civic Theatre of Ft. Wayne
(219) 424-5220

*Barnum-Feb. 24-March 12

Monon Depot Theater
Lafayette, (317) 423-1669

*Grapes of Wrath-through Feb. 26

Footlite Musicals
Indianapolis, (317) 926-6630

*The Goodbye Girl-Feb. 24-26,
March 3-5

CONCERTS!

Wabash College
Crawfordsville
*Danger Will Robinson- Feb. 25

Sigma Pi
Indiana University
*Danger Will Robinson-March 4

Metro
Chicago-(312) 559-1950
*Spectrum/Air Miami/Cath
Carroll-Feb. 24



Photo by Rachel Hempel
Rensselaer's Wal-Mart may benefit most Pumas, but will it hurt the community in the long run?

The SJC Environmental Club is sponsoring a magazine swap. "Swapping" bins are located in the Science Building, across from the auditorium and in Dwenger. Instead of throwing away your old magazines, swap them! Bring an old magazine to exchange with one in the bin.

Baseball team is eager to hit field

by Erin Breetzke

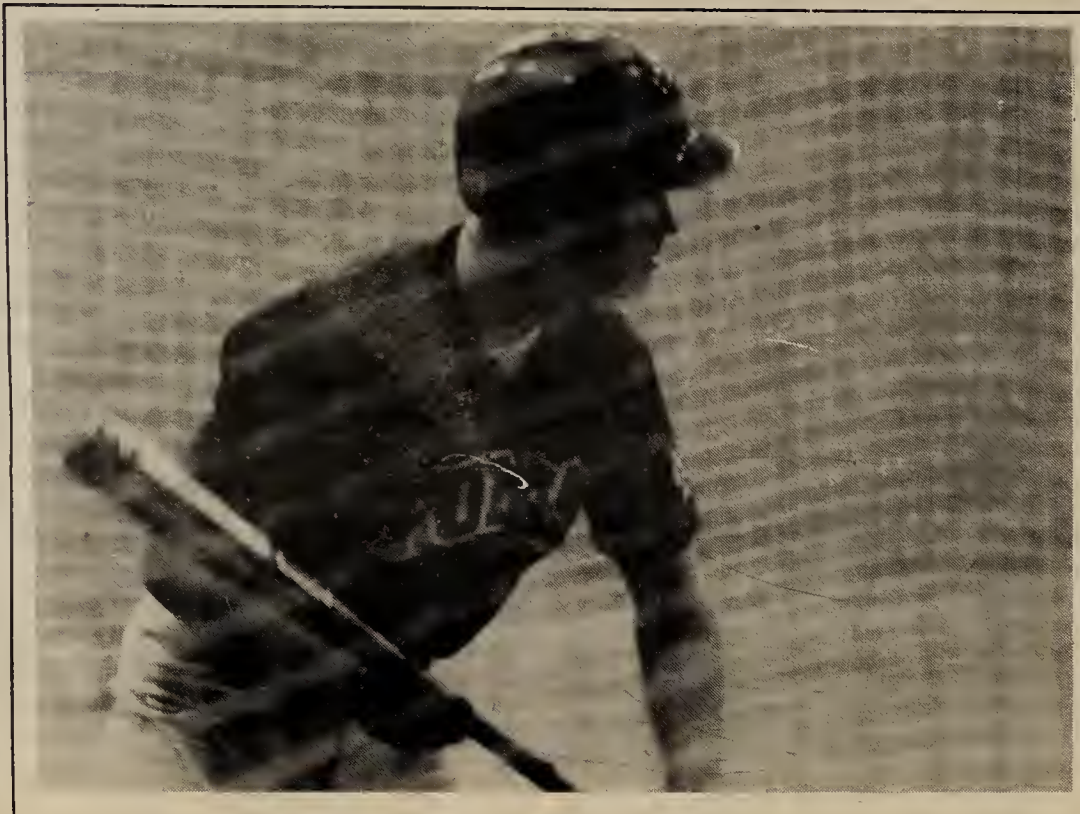
March first at three o'clock is the time. Bloomington, Indiana is the place. On this day, the Puma baseball season will kick off. With a combination of fresh young talent and great veteran leadership, their motto "Dedicated to Win," will be in full force. Head Coach Mike Moyzis is anticipating involvement from both the community and students, and, with the addition of the new facilities, is intent on making this a successful season.

Baseball is no different than any other task in life; therefore practice makes perfect, and the team is taking this to heart.

"This is one of the hardest working groups we've had, and I'm tough on these guys. We're practicing perfect to eliminate mistakes during the games and making each movement count like it was the last," Coach Moyzis explained.

The perfection the coach is seeking in practice is equally displayed by the team when they take the field for practice every day.

Team captain, Senior Larry Glozier, sees a lot of hard work and dedication in prac-



Sophomore Jim Danko takes some batting practice in the Rec. Center recently. Danko is one of forty-six players suiting up for the pumas this year, who start their season March 1 in Bloomington against Indiana. Photo by Rachel Hempel

tice. "We're fine tuning ourselves. Everyone is full of enthusiasm and energy."

As practice becomes more intense, the team has developed quite a rapport with one another. According to Coach Moyzis, this type of cooperation is essential for success.

"Everyone gets along and is treated the same. We consider ourselves a baseball family," Coach Moyzis commented.

The players also consider themselves to be very close, much like a big family full of close brothers.

"Because we live together (almost all of the team resides in Noll Hall), we get to know each other. This helps us a lot and we take it onto the field, which creates a closer team," Sophomore Chad Cook explained.

The loss of several veteran players from last year's nationally ranked squad has opened up the doors for many newcomers. With seventeen of the forty-six players being freshmen, the team has been adjusting to a lot of new faces. All the while, the freshmen have been impressed by the college aspect of the sport and have been adjusting

to the next level of the game.

"I'm excited to play, but I'm nervous because the competition is going to be tougher and the players are stronger," Freshman Brian Long commented.

Coach Moyzis is happy about the young team. "This is a really good blend and their attitude has come a long way."

Coach Moyzis hopes to make this season as much a success for the fans as it is for the players.

"We're excited to be in the new facility and are going to use it to our advantage. Because of the

baseball strikes, college baseball should seem more exciting. We're really trying to get out into the community and promote our home games to the students."

The players, too, are excited and eagerly anticipating the season opener.

"We've been working hard and the guys are really dedicated. We're mentally tough and physically ready to make this season successful," Freshman Brian Winkelmann explained.

With three years of experience, Glozier knows what it will take to make this season a success. "We lost a few good players, but we're respectful and ready for competition," he stated.

In the long run, this baseball season should turn out to be a huge success. With the respect and comradeship this baseball family shows, the youthfulness of the team is not an obstacle. And with the community and student involvement, it should come as no surprise to see this team batting a thousand. After their opening game, the team will go to Boca Raton, Florida for a week of games over Spring Break.

Softball swings into action March 1

by John Osborne

Ernest Watson was his usual charismatic self last week as he spoke enthusiastically about his women's softball team and their upcoming season, which opens March 1 at home against Indianapolis. Some might find this upbeat attitude from the coach surprising, considering the team is coming off a disappointing 8-21 season last year, but Watson is very optimistic about his team's chances.

"Practice has been great," Watson said last week. "There is a lot of competitive-

ness, which was missing from last year, and leadership from the junior and senior class."

Junior and All-Conference third baseman Danielle Figlio echoed her coaches feelings. "I think we look a lot sharper this year than in previous years," she said.

Watson said he would carry eighteen players on the roster this year, giving him plenty of talent to choose from. In particular, he looks to Figlio, Junior pitcher Elizabeth Olivencia, Sophomore pitcher Michelle Heilman, Freshman

pitcher Sharon Rhyne, and Freshman pitcher Jenny Nahorski to carry the torch.

Figlio, down-playing her role as a leader, said, "I just try to support everyone. We have a very young team, and I try not to get down on them."

Young is definitely the appropriate word to use when describing this team, and Watson and Assistant Coach Linda Deno admit that is its greatest weakness. However, Watson makes it clear that people should not count this team out because of age.

"We don't have a lot of experience under competition," he said, "but with the right leadership we should be all right. Our pitching staff is our strength. They were good last year, but too many errors in the field made it impossible for them to overcome."

"With top hitters Figlio, (Junior Jodie) Firth, (Junior April) Slupski, (Senior Pam) Lanie, (Sophomore Tracy) Ziemba, and Heilman returning, we should be good offensively."

Rhyne felt much the same way regarding the team's

strengths and weaknesses. "We have strong hitters, especially Figlio," she said. "Our fielding [is our weakness]. Once we start making errors, we get down. We need to learn to relax."

Weather permitting, the softball team will play thirty-five to forty regular season games this spring and will participate in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament April 28-30 at Kentucky Wesleyan. If all goes well, and they win enough games, the team will become eligible for a bid to the NCAA Division II Softball Tournament.

Soccer teams play in tournaments

by Donna Bossung

The men's and women's soccer teams will be participating in two indoor tournaments during the month of February. The SJC teams will be hosting a tournament in Rensselaer, and they will also be competing in Chicago.

There will be three men's and two women's teams going to the Rensselaer tournament. The women play on February 18, and the men play

on February 19. Only one team from the men's and women's divisions will see action at the Chicago tournament, and that will be played on February 25.

The format for both tournaments will be a "Round Robin" style of elimination. This means that each team will play three preliminary games, and the team will gain points according to the out-

come of the game. The team receives three points for a win, one point for a tie, and no points for a loss. The top two teams from each division advance to the semifinal round.

Head Coach Mike Minelle believes that all of his teams have very good chances of winning. He is particularly hopeful for the women's chances at the Rensselaer tour-

namment, and he explained that conference rivals IPFW (Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne) and Bellarmine will be strong competition for the men in Rensselaer.

The Pumas will face many Division I teams in Chicago, which does not bother Minelle who realizes the need for these competitions in order to improve his team's abilities. He explained,

"It will be competitive. It's a matter of whether or not we get the job done. We won't be overmatched in any of the games."

Both the men's and women's top teams were winners of their respective divisions. Receiving awards for outstanding play were: Denise Hutchinson-Defensive MVP, and Bill Gill-Offensive MVP.

Basketball teams hope to end on positive note

by Jill Peterson

With four games remaining for the Lady Puma Basketball team and three for the men, both teams hope to end the season on a positive note.

The women have a current record of 16-7 after defeating Ashland and Indiana-Purdue Univ. at Fort Wayne with respective scores of 86-81 and 84-81. They are 12-3 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, which puts them in contention for the NCAA Division II tournament. They are presently ranked third in the region and tied for first in the conference with rival University of Indianapolis, who defeated them 89-80 earlier this

season..

"We have a second chance to control our destiny on February 23, which we are very excited about! We can't ask for much more than to beat them (Indianapolis) the second time around," Assistant Coach Franky Curiel commented.

Another exciting fact is Senior Lori Hissong being ranked ninth in the nation in free throw shooting percentage. She also leads the team in three-point shooting, and just last week was named GLVA Co-Player of the Week after a career high 34 points against IPFW. Senior Stacie Shepard is the team's leading rebounder. Jun-

ior Mindy Laffoon has also been a pleasant surprise to the team's success.

"Mindy has scored in double figures the past five games. We expect our seniors to score, but Laffoon has been a scoring monster lately," Curiel said.

"It is always nice because somebody always steps up. The other teams can't key on one of our players because we are multi-talented," Curiel noted.

The men's program is focused on finishing the season with consistent improvement. The post-season tournament is out of the question due to a 10-14 record for the regular season and 4-11 in the

conference.

"This has been an unfortunate year for us. One bad thing after the next has been happening. Sometimes we only have nine guys at practice and that calls for us coaches to play," Assistant Coach John Pigatti said. "Injuries have also hampered our season. Jim Crawford had pneumonia for a month, Roger Fry tore his ACL, and Kevin Denson broke his hand in December."

In recent action, the Pumas, playing without Senior Harry Perry and Junior Rod Bailly, lost a heart breaker in overtime to Kentucky State 69-64. On a more positive note, the team defeated Bellarmine 58-52 in front of an enthusiastic

crowd of 1250 fans. Junior Kevin Denson led Saint Joseph's in scoring and rebounding.

A tremendous asset to the team has been Ball State University transfer Jeremy Crittendon.

"Jeremy is doing everything we expected of him and more. He has been a great addition to our program with his toughness, enthusiasm, and competitiveness," Pigatti said.

Another player that has made giant strides is Sophomore Guard Ryan Davis.

"Ryan has taken his level of play up two to three notches since he has acquired more responsibility," Pigatti added.

Spring Break fever hits SJC

Students looking forward to getting off campus for awhile

by Kathleen Brass

All across campus you can feel it coming. People are starting to miss their eight o'clock classes in hopes of catching up on lost sleep.

Antsy students are beginning to squirm in their seats at about 45 minutes after the hour and weekends just seem to be eternities away from each other.

These occurrences can be attributed to one thing; spring break is almost here. Almost every student on campus is anxiously anticipating March 3, for it marks the beginning of this notorious week.

According to Senior Tracie Barton, "After Spring Break it's all over, there is no time left." She's right. After spring break there are only seven weeks of classes left of the school year.

During this particular

Spring Break, students from Saint Joseph's will be traveling all across the country. From as far off to South Padre Island, Texas, to Denver, Colorado, to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and in various locations all over Florida students will be scattering to find the ideal place to forget about school for awhile.

Sophomore James Sedam said, "My sole purpose at college is trying to figure a way out. Spring Break allows that to happen at least for a little while." His attitude is probably shared by many others here at Saint Joseph's.

This year, for the first time, the Student Union Board (SUB) has sponsored a travel board, located on the second floor of the Science Building. The board displays a number of prime Spring Break locations, including all

of those listed above. The board tells the price of airfare to these destinations as well as how long it will take to drive there.

Although many are taking their week off to go home or travel, some students will use their time off for the benefit of others.

This year Habitat for Humanity is taking their annual Spring Break trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma. In Tulsa, the group will be tearing down old homes so that new homes can be built in their place. Contact Chris Zanowski in Campus Life if you are interested.

As Spring Break rolls around I encourage all to enjoy their week off and remember that the end is almost here. Take a look at the travel board. It is a great way to estimate actual travelling to maximize your Spring Break experience.

Have a great Spring Break!

(Stay safe and have fun!)

From The Back Page Staff!



The Quote Of The Week

"What is your substance, whereof are you made..."

-William Shakespeare

Creative Student Showcase

Volunteering at Children's Hospital by Rachel Barlage

Glue tight under my nails
Thick and wet on my
Fingertips
As they press into greasy newspaper.
He touches my hand,
Curiously.
I dip his tiny fingers into white glue
Guide them over the
Cool plastic of the mold.

Encased in my palm,
His now-bruised hand
Feels soft.
He adds ragged strips of
Newspapers
To the face of the mask
With his free hand.
As he moves his arm,
Clear I.V. tubes roll up and down
In shallow waves.

His eyes are startling blue.
Bright buttons on the familiar contour
Of his face.
I study his fragile figure
Through the thick odor of
Cleaning fluids and illness.
His swollen hand shakes
Violently
As I lift his fingers off the mask,
Bring them slowly to my lips
And kiss them.

The taste of glue reminds me of third grade
Spreading Elmer's on my palm
So I could pull it off in thin strips
When it dried clear and shiny.
He pulls my steady hand back to the table
Presses it firmly into the newspaper,
Fingers locked in a
Sticky embrace.

A million machines beep
Through the patient silence,
Drain the room of cheerfulness
Despite the bright trains and paper dolls
Painted on the pale yellow walls.
We are ready to paint the mask,
But he doesn't want
Blue, red, yellow.
We will make purple.